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In re application of:

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above referenced Application, please ~~amend~~ the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, enter:

---CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 08/970,655, filed November 14, 1997.---

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 - 12.

Please add new claims 13-28.

(13. (New) A method for connecting users to a first communication network, comprising:

providing an address service connected to the first communication network on which a user may register a name and an associated address on a second communication network;